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To the Chairman and Members of the
Saddleworth Urban District Council.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH LIBRARY

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1943. Owing to the absence or incompleteness of the records available it has not been possible to give a complete account of the work carried out during the year. I wish also to express my thanks to the officials of the Council for their assistance in compiling this report.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The general geography and physical condition of Saddleworth have been described in previous reports and in this year of war will not again be described

Area - 18,485 acres (1,155 acres formed the Old Springhead Urban District). Included in the area is much enclosed moorland, which forms the gathering grounds of the many reservoirs of neighbouring large towns.

Population - 15,900
Number of Inhabited houses 5825
Rateable Value - £103,486
Product of a Penny Rate - £395.

Chief Industries are woollen industries, calico printing, cotton industries, engineering, paper making, wall paper manufacture and dairy farming.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

OF THE YEAR (1943)

Births	Males	Females
Legitimate	121	124
Illegitimate	3	3
Total live Births	251	

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 15.7

Still Births.	Males	Females
Legitimate	6	5
Illegitimate	-	-

Deaths	Male	Female	Transferable deaths (away)	
	81	79	M 47	F 36

Deaths - Saddleworth - 160 Total Deaths - 243.

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population - 15.3

Death of Infants under 1 year of age: Males 8 Females 9

Death Rate of all Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births 67.7

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF MORTALITY

(Deaths out of District not included)

Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	-		
Measles	-		
Scarlet Fever	-		
Whooping Cough	2		
Diphtheria	1		
Influenza	10		
Encephalitis Lethargica	-		
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1		
(Tuberculosis of Respiratory System (Phthisis)	5		7
(Other tubercular Diseases	2		
Syphilitic Diseases	1		
Cancer			
Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus	1	Male	
Cancer of Uterus	2		
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	5	Male	
	-	Female	33
Cancer of Breast	2	Female	
Cancer of all other sites	14	Males	
	9	Female	
Diabetes	-	Males	
	6	Females	
Cerebral Haemorrhage etc.	12	Males	
	12	Female	
Heart Disease	33	Males	87
	23	Female	
Other Circulatory Diseases	4	Males	
	3	Female	
Bronchitis	8	Males	
	6	Female	
Pneumonia (all forms)	6	Males	25
	3	Female	
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	Males	
Peptic Ulcer	-		
Diarrhoea, etc., (under 2 years)	1	Female	
Appendicitis	-		
Other Degestive Diseases	3		
	5	Females	
Nephritis (Acute and Chronic)	2	Males	
	6	Females	
Puerperal Sepsis	-		
Other Maternal Causes	-		
Premature Birth	3	Males	
	5	Females	
Infant Birth Injuries	3	Male	
	1	Female	
Suicide	2	Males	
	2	Females	
Other Violence	3	Males	
All other causes	12	Males	
	21	Females	
Road Traffic Accidents	1	Male	
Acute Polio-Myelitis and polio encephalitis	-		
	243		

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

STAFF - PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Medical Officer of Health

E.A. Ramsden, M.R.C.S., D.P.H. (Manchester) up to April, 1943.

P. B. Wood, M.B.Ch.B from 1st August 1943.

Sanitary Inspector,

Leonard Taylor, M.R.S.I. F.R.H.S. up to September, 1943.

H. W. Newell, Assoc. M.C.T., M.S.I.A. from 1st November, 1943.

Housing Inspector and Sewerage,

Bertram Castle. M.I.M.C.E. M.R.S.I.

Public Vaccinator,

John Loftus, M.B.

School Nurses.

Nurse Holroyd.
Nurse Hurst.

Sewage Works Manager,

Andrew Barker up to 31st March, 1943.

G.R.C. Marsden, A.M.C.T. M.I.S.P. 1st September, 1943.

District Nurses.

Nurse Stafford.
Nurse Standring.
Nurse Cook.
Nurse Lyale.
Nurse Tate.

Housing Manager.

George H. Booth.

Laboratory Facilities.

These are provided by the County Council Laboratories at Wakefield, where pathological material is examined, free of charge for suspected Diphtheria, Tuberculisis, Typhoid Fever etc., Also the water and milk supplies are examined from time to time, There has been no change in these services as the result of the war.

Ambulance Services.

	Location of Ambulance.
For General Purposes	Oldham Fire Station.
Medical, Surgical Cases and Accidents	Mossley Fire Station.
For General Infectious Disease Cases.	Ambulances from various Fever Hospitals. At Ashton, Oldham, Hyde and Meltham.

Home Nursing.

West Riding Nursing Association,	Leeds.
Dobcross and Delph	1 Nurse
Uppermill and Diggle	1 Nurse
Greenfield	1 Nurse
Springhead	1 Nurse)
	1 Midwife)
Denshaw	No District Nurse.

Your Council allows an annual grant of £30. to each of the following Nursing Associations.

Dobcross and Delph Nursing Association.
Uppermill and Diggle " "
Greenfield " "
Springhead " "

Payments varying between 2/6 to 4/- a year per family are charged for the services of the District Nurses.

Two nurses (employed by the West Riding County Council) attend the Pre-Natal and Child Welfare Centres at Uppermill, Delph and Springhead. Springhead has a midwife who attends cases also in Denshaw. In Dobcross, Delph, Uppermill, Diggle and Greenfield the District Nurses attend midwifery cases.

Child Welfare Clinics.

Uppermill - Mechanics' Institute, Lee Street Wednesday	2 - 4 p.m.
Springhead - Congregational School Friday	2 - 4 p.m.
Delph - Independent Sunday School Tuesday	2 - 4 p.m.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Uppermill - Mechanics Institute Fourth Thursday of month	9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Springhead - Congregational School Second Monday of month	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Delph - Second Thursday of month	2 p.m.

Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Court Street, Uppermill Thursday mornings	10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Hospitals: Public and Voluntary.

Infectious Fever Hospital.

Saddleworth has none of its own. Cases are sent to Hospital of neighbouring authorities at our expense, but we have no definite legal arrangements with such authorities.
Infectious cases have been sent to Westhulme, Oldham, Ashton, Hyde and Monsall (Manchester).

Small Pox Hospital.

Saddleworth has an old house on the hillside at Running Hill, Diggle which has in the past served as such. It is inadequate and it would be better to make arrangements for reception and treatment of cases with some other neighbouring authority.

General Hospitals.

Medical and Surgical cases from here are sent to the
Manchester Royal Infirmary.
Oldham Royal Infirmary.
Ashton Infirmary.
and less frequently to Huddersfield Infirmary.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

Obtained from the reservoirs of the Ashton Joint Board and Oldham Coropration. No new supplies of water were acquired during the year.

The supply is continuous and has been satisfactory.

There are many houses which, by reason of their remote positions are not on the public supply. These obtain their water from springs and wells - and none of these have been closed during the year.

As the water supply is practically in all cases (both reservoirs and wells) obtained from the Millstone Grit Formation, it is soft on account of peat, precautions have been taken against its lead dissolving properties.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Areas still requiring sewering are Diglee, Shaw Lee, Shaws, Higher Kinders, Tunstead, and are so situated that they could be connected to the public sewers.

Forty-eight inspections of new drainage and sewerage works, carried out by private contractors, have been inspected and tested during the year. Regular inspection and flushing of the main sewerage system is carried out.

There have been no major extensions of the sewerage system during the year.

Closet Accommodation.

Water Closets	4690
Waste Water Closets	615
Pail Closets	658
(Additional water closets to (old buildings provided in 1943	24
Water closets for New Houses	Nil

Public Cleansing.

The Council employ 9 men using three covered waggons for the removal of Household refuse and one special waggon for night-soil. House refuse is collected fortnightly and trade refuse twice per week in most instances. Pail closets are emptied weekly.

The household refuse is disposed of by the controlled tipping system. The night soil is now emptied into the sewer at the old Sewage Works site, Dobcross.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Camping Sites.

There are two camping sites in the district - one at Wood Camping Ground at Denshaw, and the other at Summer Shades, Greenfield. The latter site is licenced by the Council for camping purposes.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No Council houses were infested, nor were any other houses.

Factories and Workshops.

Smoke Observations.

No action was taken as regards smoke abatement.

There are 70 factories and workshops in the area.

Inspection.

Visits were paid to the factories and workshops to note matters concerning cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation drainage of floors and sanitary conveniences.

Improvements in closet accommodation were made at 8 factories during the year.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

No plans were approved by the Council during the year for the erection of any houses whether by themselves or by private enterprise.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

Apparently some 80 visits have been made to dairy farms during the year and improvements to shippons and dairies have been made at several farms.

Six samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination. Four of these were satisfactory.

There are eleven licenses in force for the production of Accredited Milk and two for the production of Tuberculin Tested Milk.

Meat and Other Foods.

As the result of inspection five sheep carcases, eight beef carcases and 93 lbs of organs were condemned.as unfir for human consumpti

Slaughterhouses.

The only slaughterhouse in use during the year, was one at Dobeross controlled by the Ministry of Food. This was in use up to July, since when there has been no slaughtering carried on in the district.

SECTION F.

PREVELANCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	103	51	-
Diphtheria	8	7	1
Paratyphoid	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	1	-
Pneumonia	13	-	9
Erysiplas	3	1	-
Whooping Cough	38	1	2
Measles	53	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis		-	-

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The number of children who completed a full course of immunisation in the Authority's area between the 1st January - 31st December, 1943 is as follows:

Age under 5 years	92
" 5 - 15 years	106
Total	198

The approximate estimated number of children in the Authority's Area at 31st December 1943 was

Under 5 years	1055
Between 5 - 15 years	1798

of these it is considered that 35.9% and 85.3% respectively were immunised.

Incidence of Diphtheria.

Old Saddleworth	1932 and 1933	9 cases notified.
	1934 and 1935	49 "
	1936	11 "
New Saddleworth	1937	15 "
	1938	3 "
	1939	No cases notified.
	1940	1 case notified.
	1941	6 cases notified.
	1942	5 "
	1943	8 "

The Council has authorised the free provision of Diphtheria Anti-toxin for the use of Saddleworth residents on the approval of the Medical Officer of Health.

New Cases of Tuberculosis during 1943.

Age Periods.	Pulmonary Males	Pulmonary Females	Non-Pulmonary Males	Non-Pulmonary Females
0 - 1	0	0	0	0
1 - 5	0	0	0	0
5 - 15	0	0	0	1
15 - 25	0	1	0	3
25 - 35	1	1	1	0
35 - 45	1	0	0	0
45 - 55	0	0	0	0
55 - 65	0	0	0	0
65 and upwards	1	0	0	0

There were 5 deaths from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System (Phthisis) and 2 deaths from other Tubercular Diseases during the year.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,
P.B. WOOD.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR for the year ending 1943.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District of Saddleworth.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the annual report for the year 1943. It is regretted that a good deal of the information has had to be omitted from this report owing to the lack of records of work carried out during the year.

General Statistics.

Area	18,485 Acres
Population	15,900
Number of Inhabited Houses 1st April, 1943	5,825
Rateable Value 1st April, 1943	£103,486
Sum represented by a penny rate 1st April, 1943	£395

Statement as to houses in the District and their Sanitary Accommodation.

No. of houses	5825
Factories, Workshops. Lock-up Shops etc.	186
Pail Closets	657
Water Closets	4690
Waste Water Closets	615
Earth Closets	87
Ashpits(covered and open)	88
Ashbins	4378

Twenty-four new Water Closets were erected to old property and two waste water closets converted to fresh water closets during the year.

Petroleum Licenses.

Twenty-eight Licences for the storage of petroleum spirit and one for the storage of Calcium Carbide were granted during the year.

Nuisance Inspections.

Total No. of Inspections made	335
No. of nuisances found requiring abatement	300
No. of nuisances abated	262
No. of informal notices served	94
No. of informal notices complied with	79
No. of Statutory Notices served	1
No. of Statutory Notices complied with	Nil.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting building and housing repair work carried out, due to shortage of labour and materials.

Water Supplies.

Two houses and two farms previously supplied from private sources were connected to a main piped supply dueing the year.

No samples of water were taken during the year for examination.

Dairies and Cowsheds.

Some 80 visits were made during the year to dairy farms and improvements were carried out at several shippons and dairies in the district.

Six samples of milk were examined bacteriologically and two were reported not satisfactory.

Twelve applications for licences for milk production were granted during the year and one application for a licence to sell pasturised milk in the district was granted.

There were 11 licences in force for the production of Accredited Milk and 2 for the production of Tuberculin Tested milk.

Slaughterhouses.

The only slaughterhouse in use during the year was the one at Dobcross, operated by the Ministry of Food, which was closed in July, since when no slaughtering has been carried out in the district.

Food Inspection.

Considerable time was spent in food inspection at the Government Slaughterhouse at Dobcross when 200 carcasses of Beef 513 Sheep and Lambs, 2 pigs and 2 Calves were examined. 5 Sheep carcasses and 8 beef carcasses and 93 lbs of organs were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Other foodstuffs found to be unfit for human consumption were as follows:-

89½ lbs butter.
22¼ lbs bacon.
94 Eggs
45 lbs oranges
60 lbs egg powder.
149 lbs flour
144 fish cakes.
516 tins of meat, fish. milk etc.

Salvage of waste materials.

The Council employ four men on salvage work at the Walk Mill Tip, Dobcross, where three paper baling machines and one tin baling machine are in use.

The following table shows the weights and values of salvage sold during the year.

	T.	C.	Q.	Lbs.	£.	s.	d.
Paper	132	18	2	0	841	6	9
Tins	68	6	0	0	102	9	0
Ferrous Scrap	18	3	0	0	33	4	2
Non-ferrous scrap	-	8	2	12	13	2	11
Bottles & Glass	24	17	2	0	38	16	6
Textiles	11	10	1	6	64	14	9
Bones	1	11	2	2	7	9	8
Rubber	1	15	3	4	5	7	3
	259	11	0	24	£1106	11	0

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

H. W. NOWELL Assoc. M.C.T., M.S.I.A.
Sanitary Inspector.